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Media Notification

Correction Commissioner Carl Danberg announces that The Delaware Correctional Center in Smyrna is conducting **AN EMERGENCY DRILL** that began around 1:00 p.m. on February 6, 2007. The drill will simulate a fire and explosion within a part of the institution. No Department of Correction staff who may be involved in the drill have been notified in advance of the exercise in order to provide maximum training effect.

This exercise is a part of the Department's ongoing effort to enhance institutional emergency preparedness. Additionally, this exercise will also serve to support the Department's continuing work with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care to prepare and retrain staff for catastrophic events which may include widespread injuries. No offenders will be involved in the simulation. Staff member have been recruited to play the part of injured and non-injured offenders.

Additionally, no outside emergency agencies are included in today's drill. This exercise is entirely managed by the staff of Delaware Correctional Center and emergency crews working for the Department of Correction.

Commissioner Danberg said, " The Department of Correction is committed to providing quality, practical training to staff for all potential contingencies."